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SUBJECT: REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CRISIS DEVELOPMENT

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1. IN WAKE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND 82 DAYS SINCE ONSET OF CRISIS, REGIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT SANTI MATTARELLA ON MARCH 14 "LIFTED THE RESERVE" WITH WHICH HE HAD ACCEPTED HIS ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 9 (REFTEL). THE ELECTION OF REGIONAL GIUNTA MEMBERS, HOWEVER, WAS POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 21 TO ALLOW THE PSI TO PREPARE FOR AND HOLD ITS MARCH 17-19 REGIONAL CONGRESS.
2. IN SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT ADHERENCE TO NATIONAL PARTY GUIDELINES, SICILY'S LIBERALS DECIDED TO ABANDON PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY SUPPORTING MATTARELLA WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNISTS. PLI OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WHICH PARTY BELIEVES CONTAINS USEFUL ELEMENTS FOR ATTACKING THE "SICILIAN PROBLEM". COLLINS

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